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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shinpei OKAJIMA

Patent Art Unit: 3617

Serial No.: 10/631,863

Examiner: Jason R. Bellinger

Filed: August 1, 2003

For: BICYCLE RIM

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application:

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:


| | | | | | <u>SMALL ENTITY</u> | <u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u> |
|---|----|-----|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CLAIMS | | | | | ADDIT. | |
| REMAINING | | | | | FEE | |
| AFTER | | | | | RATE | |
| AMENDMENT | | | | | FEE | |
| HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | | | | RATE | |
| PRESENT EXTRA | | | | | FEE | |
| TOTAL | 30 | -30 | = | 0 | x09 = | \$ |
| INDEP | 3 | -3 | = | 0 | x42 = | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM | | | | | +140 = | \$ |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$ |
| | | | | | x18 = | \$0 |
| | | | | | x84 = | \$0 |
| | | | | | +280 = | \$ |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$0 |

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

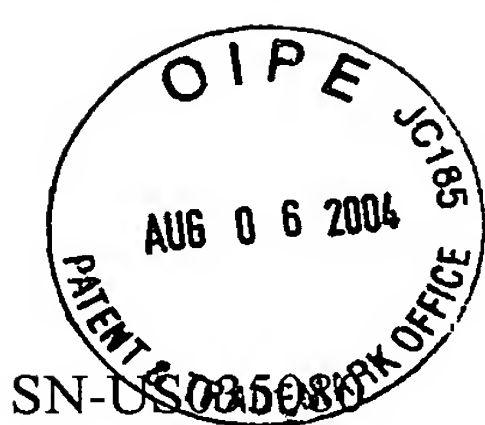
☒ Any additional excess claim fees under 37 CFR 1.16.

☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The July 23, 2004 Office Action includes an Election of Species Requirement that indicates that this application contains claims directed to five (5) patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups/species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Figures 1-12;
- II. Figures 13-14;
- III. Figures 15-16;
- IV. Figures 17-18; and
- V. Figures 19-20.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that claim 1 and 17 are generic to the five (5) patentably distinct species.

In response, Applicants hereby elect *Species I* illustrated in Figures 1-12 *without traverse*. Applicants believe that claims 1-7, 12-22 and 26-30 read on the elected Species I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-7, 12-22 and 26-30.

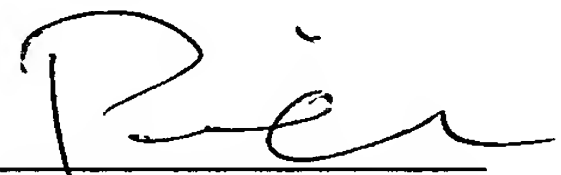
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Claims 8-11 and 23-25 are believed to be directed to a non-elected. Thus, these claims 8-11 and 23-25 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be rejoined in this application and considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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